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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION  
ART UNIT 1714

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jawed Asrar and Jean R. Pierre

Serial No.: 09/714,469

Art Unit: 1714

Filed: November 16, 2000

Examiner: T.H. Yoon

For: *POLYMER BLENDS CONTAINING POLYHYDROXYALKANOATES AND  
COMPOSITIONS WITH GOOD RETENTION OF ELONGATION*

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 9, 2003, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this response is a Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$165.00, the required fee for a small entity, to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.